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The Great National Game

Under the heading of Play Ball," the Washington Star dis cusses its coming local baseball season in a manner applicable to the approaching season here. Baseball, in spite of golf and other fads and amisements, remains the Am-

rican national game, and interest in it is more absorbing than in any other. Says the Star; Baseball has been brought to a high state of Photographic Orders. professionalism. It is a business. Large sums of money are invested in it, in grounds, structures and players. The participants are hired men, going from city to city as their services are in greater or less demand. There is no personal identification of the team with the city it represents, save through the ownership, and occasionally that connection is a slight one. But despite these facts, baseball still exerts a direct and irresistible appeal to the local pride of the followers of the game in the cities represented by the professional teams. There is as keen a rivalry and as zealous an interest in the fortunes of the combinations styled "Washington," "Boston," "Philadelphia," etc., as though the players were actual, bona fide residents of those communities, as in the first days of the sport,

This is a phenomenon which needs no explanation. It exists, It serves the wholesome purpose of stimulating a hearty amateur interest in an outdoor game which is without superior in its training of the body and its demand upon the resourcefulness of the player. As a speciacle, too, a mere entertainment, baseball is a boon to the jaded city dweller, giving him an opportunity and an excuse to get away from his routine, breathe the pure air of outdoors and exercise his

Washington's base ball fortunes have been so uniformly low for many years that the opening of the season always finds the great loyal crowd of the game's admirers in a state of dubious hope. Much has ONLY been promised in the past and little accomplished. For so long that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," save in a few isolated cases of extreme mental retentiveness, the professional club representing the capital city has stood far down in the race. There have been many causes for this unfortunate showing. It is useless to discuss them. The hope of today, however, is that there will be better things in the future.

The team assembled for the wearing of the local uniform this year is young and ambitique. It cannot do worse than its predecessor. It may do better. It has shown signs of capacity to play an exceptionally strong defensive game, which is an important point in the situation, and its chief possible weakness, it would seem, is "at the bat," to use a phrase of the sport. But then, so good are all the pitchers now, and so heavy the handicaps on the batsmen, that no club is today as strong in this department as a few years ago. While weak batting may not win games, good pitching and fielding will serve always to keep the game close and interesting, and that insures an entertaining spectacle. Besides which, baseball is nothing if not uncertain. That is its chief charm. There may be surprises in store this year for the loyal, true and deserving Washington "rooters."

Evils Of The

********* There always comes a weakness \$ to power when those who have power do not know how to use it. sanitary administration of a commun- Newell Universal Mill Co., Manufac-

is possibly misused by the Emperor of Germany, and it has undoubtedly been misused by men like Rockefeller and others born in our grand

This is a ges of 1 to 5 years. Nearly threefourths (73.4 per cent) of the total saving of human life during the last de-Republic of which we have so much reason to be proud, but of which cade, as compared with the previou the acts of those who cannot be controlled bring shame to us and to one, was of the age-group whose mor all who claim to be free citizens of a free state or country.

The governing head of a state should guide those who are eager with him to do the best work that can be accomplished. This can be report shows that the greatest reduc reached by giving entire confidence to those who are in charge. The tions of mortality are among the dismoment, however, that confidence has gone, the whole system breaks

After all it is a very old story. A weak man at the head of affairs Thus smallpox-with which the De feels that he, himself has no real power. He distrusts this man and partment deals most directly and with that man, and then he thinks to arm himself with spies. This is the deaths in the first decade and 248 in the last resort of a craven.

Every autocratic ruler has tried the spy system. No one who has of 1557 lives from the disease. studied or even read Roman history can be unaware of the crimes committed by the "Delators," as Gibbon names them, but who should be more properly named "Delatores," Under the influence of such a set last ten years. The rate was 13.7 in the of scoundrels, one can quote that "important services implied a dan- first period and 4.9 in the second-a regerous superiority of merit. . . Suspicion was equivalent to proof; duction of 64.3 per cent and a constructrial to condemnation."

But why should one go back so far in history. Spies and blackguards eases may be grouped together. In the of that kind are always with us. We have the "Monchards" of France, first decade typhoid caused 7844 deaths the discount half and the Russian Empire, and it appears as -a rate of 7.9 per 10,000 population; in the disreputable secret police of the Russian Empire, and it appears as if this vile system is spreading into our great Republic. That it is vile, that any one who uses makes himself a party to its disreputability and her rate there would have been 7795 its vileness, does not require argument. It is absolutely self-evident. Any one who uses such dispicable means to attain his or her end, is not only besmirching the hand which gives the order, but it also blackens and will ruin the soul which will in time have to appear before its God1 there were 24.124 such deaths, with a

Accomplishments Of Sanitation

A most interesting comparison of by the Health department of Chicago between the decades 1885-************************** parison shows careful study and is ceded to owe their decrease to improv-

showing the possibilities of sanitary science, and the tendencies of con- their vital resistance against all disditions in their effect on human life and health. In nearly all the zymo- case is increased. In the first decade its effect in causing or paving the way tic diseases there has been a decided decrease in the death rate. It has measles exused 1831 deaths, rate 1.85; for other diseases. Pneumonia, for exbeen very decided in all those diseases where sanitary science has made either preventive or curative progress. Consumption has visibly be-

During the first ten years, 1885-1894, inclusive, there were recorded and 1.2 and a decrease of 55.5 cent. claimed by the Department in 1894, to 201,104 deaths from all causes and at all ages. This total represents a 27.2 per cent—from 1568 deaths in the yearly average of 20,110 deaths, in a yearly average population of 987. first decade—and a rate of 1.58, to a mon sequel of pneumonia, scored 4367 644, and a rate of 20.2 deaths in every thousand of the population. Dur- rate of 1.15 in the second ecade. These deaths in the earlier decade: 11,917 in ing the last ten years, ended Dec. 31, 1904, there were recorded 248,-500 deaths from all causes and at all ages. This total represents a yearly average population of 1,656,000, and at a rate of 15.1 deaths in every within the last few years and until su- tween 1895-1994. than one-quarter (25,3 per cent) in the death rate of the last ten years from that of the first ten years. Had the rate not decreased in the second period there would have been 96,034 more deaths in the last ten years than did occur.

Among other important causes of the greatest number of deaths, shows a decrease in the second decrease of 13.7 per cent in the last decrease of 13.8 per cent; the death which show decreases in the second decade are bronchitis, 43.1 per cent; tary of the Territory, sounds like it might have been written by Alphonse and a constructive saving of 2915 lives.

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| Command the commandation of a comministration misused by the Czar of Russia, it 343 were of young children between the Ohlandt & Co., San Francisco, Cal. tality forms "a most reliable test" of the health conditions of a city.

Study of the detailed tables in the eases over which sanitary administration and sanitary conditions have the greatest and most direct control, the greatest authority-caused 1074 ast decade, with a constructive saving

Diphtheria and croup-which in the earlier decade carried off 13,566 victims -caused only \$129 deaths during the five saving of 14,566 lives.

Typhoid fever and the diarrheal disthe second, 5392-a rate of 3.2 and a reduction of 59,5 per cent. With the car more typhoid deaths in the last decade

Diarrheal diseases tallied 26,074 deaths in the earlier decade, with a population rate of 26.4; during the last decade rate of 14.5. The reduction of 45 per

ent implies a saving of 19,610 lives. Measles, scarlet lever and whooping mortality statistics has been made cough, three of the worst enemies of child-life-for neither of which has there yet been found any specific, such 1894 and 1895-1904. The com- cination for smallpox-must be conboth interesting and instructive as ed hygienic conditions, to better nutrition and care of the young, whereby in the second, 1287 deaths, rate 0.77, ample, which caused 16,244 deaths be-Decrease, 58.9 per cent. Scarlet fever tween 1885 and 1894, has caused 31,283 caused 2651 and 2087 deaths respective-deaths during the last ten years. Inly in the two decades, with rates of 2.7 fluenza is now conceded, as was first ig of 4884 lives,

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death which show an increase in the last decade may be traced clearly to 1889-90 this disease, which formerly visited the country only at long intervals, has become domesticated with us, and there has been no year in the last fif-

teen when it has not been present in

nearly 145 per cent since 1894, but this is a drop in the bucket compared with three diseases show a constructive say- the last. Heart disease, another common sequel of pneumonia, caused 1697

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vast strides in the last quarter of a

The California agitation against immigration of Japanese has not met with much response except on the Pacific coast, and even there it has its As for as the matter is commented upon at all in the East, it appears to be with disapproval. Collier's Weekley recently pointed out that a single's week's arrivals of Dagos, Slavonians, Finns and other dregs of Europe's population amount to more than all the Japanese that enter in a year. Another fact that is pointed out is that Japan's total population is only about half that of the United States. The case is not at all parallel to that of China's whose four hundred millions were beginning to come in swarms when the exclusion law stopped them.

Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary who was kidnapped by brigands in Ma- graft may do.

of physique and increased vitality of cedonia in September, 1891, is going the people of Chicago, due to saner back to the country of her adventure, modes of life, to better personal hy- according to the mainland papers. It the malign influence of the "Demon of giene, to that popular education in cost the good people of the United Influenza." Beginning in the winter of sanitary matters which has made such States \$65,000 to ransom Ellen the last cost the good people of the United time, her value ought to have been considerably enhanced since then.

> The Russian fleets are getting together in the Far East. But with Rojestvensky scared and Togo careful there seems little prospect for that big naval

When deputy sheriff's are sworn in holesale numbers and given firearms then look out for more rioting. It looks like bloodshed. The Chicago strike situation instead of being improved by crowd of deputy sheriff,s is more likely to be intensified into a serious proposition.

Warsaw is certainly feeling the effects of the strikes for business and traffic have been suspended. The situation in Poland is worse than a strike, however, for it is the nucleus of a possible revolution.

PANAMA AND GRAFT.

France's rusting machinery still lies scattered along the Panama canal route as a solemn reminder of what